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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN-INSPIRED DJOUTCHE SEMINAR THIS WEEK
IN TANANARIVE

SUMMARY: DJOUTCHE SEMINAR IN TANANARIVE SEPTEMBER 28-30
WILL INCLUDE DELEGATIONS FROM EIGHTY COUNTRIES. JOINT
NORTH KOREAN-MALAGASY COMMITTEE IS SUPERVISING SEMINAR.
NORTH KOREAN VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YAN MOUN SO HAS ARRIVED
TO ATTEND, BUT WE DO NOT EXPECT GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATIONS
FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE. END SUMMARY.

1. ALL OF TANANARIVE IS FOCUSING ON THE "INTERNATIONAL
SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR ON THE IDEAS OF DJOUTCHE" WHICH WILL BE
TAKING PLACE SEPTEMBER 28-30. APPARENTLY THE NORTH KOREAN
REGIME "CHOSE" MADAGASCAR AS THE SITE FOR THE SEMINAR AS
PART PAYMENT FOR GIVING GDRM PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA RED-CARPET
TREATMENT IN NORTH KOREA IN JUNE. WHILE WE DO NOT KNOW
MUCH ABOUT THE PRINCIPLES OF DJOUTCHE (DESPITE SEVERAL
PRESS ARTICLES ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN THE THEORY), IT IS
CLEAR THAT THE GDRM IS USING THE SEMINAR TO ENHANCE ITS
INTERNATIONAL IMAGE PRIMARILY AMONG PROGRESSIST COUNTRIES
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AND SYMPATHIZERS. VARIOUS REFERENCES IN THE PRESS HAVE

LINKED THE PRINCIPLES OF DJOUTCHE WITH THOSE OF RATSIRAKA'S "LITTLE RED BOOK," WHICH EMBODIES THE CHARTER OF THE MALAGASY SOCIALIST REVOLUTION.

2. ELABORATE PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO WELCOME OVER 80 DELEGATIONS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. (IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER 80 COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED OR WHETHER THERE WILL BE MORE THAN ONE DELEGATION FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES.) MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE AMPEFILOHA SCHOOL COMPLEX AND THE NEARBY HILTON HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN TANANARIVE. THE 60 ATTENDEES ON THE MALAGASY SIDE WILL INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND THE CABINET, MEMBERS OF REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERS OF PROGRESSIST ORGANIZATIONS AMONG LABOR UNIONS, THE "POPULAR ARMY," WOMEN, AND STUDENTS. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ESTIMATED 600 MALAGASY OBSERVERS WHO WILL INCLUDE JOURNALISTS AND VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, PROBABLY THOSE LINKED WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY FOCUS OF THE GDRM. DELEGATIONS FROM ABROAD WILL BE COMPOSED OF, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, PARLIMENTARIANS, MEMBERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES, MEMBERS OF PROGRESSIST ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, PROFESSORS, AND NEWSMEN.

3. A JOINT NORTH KOREAN-MALAGASY COMMITTEE IS SUPERVISING THE OPERATION OF THE SEMINAR. NORTH KOREAN VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YANG MOUN SO ARRIVED TEN DAYS AGO AND IS BEING JOINED BY NORTH KOREAN MINISTER OF CULTURE AND ART, RI TCHANG SEUN, WHO IS THE CHIEF OF THE DELEGATION. THE GDRM MINISTER COUNSELLOR AT THE PRESIDENCY, WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF INFORMATION, IS THE MALAGASY OFFICIAL IN CHARGE. A LARGE NUMBER OF FLAGS HAVE BEEN RAISED IN THE AMPEFILOHA COMPLEX, PRESUMABLY TO REPRESENT EACH OF THE VISITING DELEGATIONS.

4. SEMINAR WAS PRECEDED BY A WEEK OF LOW-COST SHOWINGS OF NORTH KOREAN FILMS AT TANANARIVE'S CINEMAS, AND INCLUDED AN HOUR-LONG, AND REPORTEDLY WELL-DONE, PRODUCTION OF RATSIRAKA'S JUNE TRIP TO NORTH KOREA. THE MALAGASY TURNED OUT IN LARGE NUMBERS FOR THE FILM SHOWINGS; FOR SEVERAL DAYS THERE WERE LINES CIRCLING OUR CULTURAL CENTER, WHICH IS NEXT TO A MAJOR CINEMA. THERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE ALSO BEEN NUMEROUS NORTH KOREAN-PRODUCED AND INSPIRED RADIO PROGRAMS, AND TANANARIVE'S LARGEST DAILY NEWSPAPER, MADAGASCAR MATIN, RAN A FOUR-PART SERIES LAST WEEK ON NORTH KOREA AND DJOUTCHE, INCLUDING A REWRITE OF THE HISTORY OF THE KOREAN WAR. MADAGASCAR MATIN'S EDITOR TOLD US THAT HE WAS SIMPLY GIVEN THE ARTICLES BY AN OFFICIAL AT THE PRESIDENCY AND THAT HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO PRINT THEM.

5. AMPEFILOHA INCLUDES THE SITE OF THE POLYTECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL WHERE A SMALL NUMBER OF STUDENTS HAVE BOYCOTTED CLASSES FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. ALTHOUGH NO CLASHES HAVE BEEN REPORTED DURING THE STUDENT STRIKE, THERE HAVE BEEN PEACEFUL CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN GENDARMERIE AND STUDENTS IN THAT AREA. MORNING SEPTEMBER 25, WE OBSERVED CONTINGENT OF 60-70 GENDARMES IN THE AREA AND A NUMBER OF STUDENTS LOITERING ABOUT AS PREPARATIONS WERE BEING MADE FOR THE SEMINAR. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, WE KNOW THAT GDRM HAS BEEN APPRISED OF POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS TOMORROW, BUT WE BELIEVE IT UNLIKELY THAT SEMINAR WILL BE DISRUPTED IN ANY WAY. WE SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES, GENDARMES WHO WERE SENT TO QUELL STUDENT BOYCOTT, EVEN TO CRACK HEADS IF NECESSARY, REFUSED GOVERNMENT'S ORDERS TO TOUCH THE STUDENTS.

6. WE WILL RESERVE COMMENTS UNTIL SEMINAR IS OVER.SHEINBAUM

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